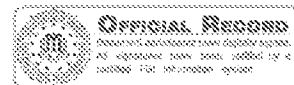


EXHIBIT 30
to the Declaration of Mara Gassmann



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 05/01/2018

Erik Dean Prince, date of birth (DOB) [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Special Counsel's Office, Washington, D.C. Present representing Prince were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The interviewing team were FBI Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and Assistant Special Counsels Jeannie Rhee, Zainab Ahmad and Aaron Zelinsky.

Prior to the start of the interview, ASC Zelinsky verbally reviewed the terms of a letter setting forth the agreement upon which Prince made himself available for the interview (Document 1). Prince stated that he understood the terms of the letter agreement. Prince and [REDACTED] signed the letter. After being advised of the identities of the interview team and the nature of the interview, Prince provided the following information:

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Prince was not initially a Donald Trump supporter. As the campaign heated up, Prince found that he agreed with many of Trump's positions. Prince spoke with [REDACTED] about holding a fundraiser for Trump. [REDACTED] told Prince that the Campaign had rejected Prince's request to hold a fundraiser because Prince was too controversial. Prince did not speak with anyone else in the Campaign about the fundraiser.

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Prince contributed money directly to the Trump Campaign. Prince also donated at a Las Vegas event, to a Political Action Committee (PAC) run by the [REDACTED] and to Roger Stone's ads and social media efforts regarding [REDACTED]

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Prince met Steve Bannon in 2013 at an event held at Breitbart for Prince's book. Bannon and Prince hold similar beliefs on many issues. Bannon knew Prince's experience and respected Prince's knowledge of certain matters. Bannon had Prince as a regular call-in guest on Bannon's radio show. During the campaign, Prince sent Bannon mostly unsolicited policy papers.

Prince was introduced to Donald Trump, Jr. at Trump Tower. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may have introduced Prince to Trump, Jr. The first meeting was brief, Prince expressed his support and encouragement

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Investigation on 04/04/2018 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (In Person)

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for the Trump Campaign. Prince met Trump, Jr. approximately two more times at Trump Tower before the election. At one of the meetings, Trump, Jr. asked if Prince had met Trump. Prince said no. Trump, Jr. walked Prince into a room and introduced Prince to Trump. Trump and about ten other people were in the room and Mike Pence was on the telephone.

Prince organized a meeting between [REDACTED] and Trump, Jr. to discuss Iranian civil rights issues. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] introduced Prince to [REDACTED] Prince met [REDACTED] in the Brussels Airport a year or two before their meeting with Trump, Jr. At the airport, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Prince is not aware of any attempts by [REDACTED] to get money from foreign governments. [REDACTED]

During their airport meeting, [REDACTED] provided Prince with some documents pitching his project. Prince does not recall the details of [REDACTED] project. [REDACTED]

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Sometime before the election in 2016, [REDACTED] requested that Prince set up a meeting with a high level person connected to Trump. [REDACTED] did not request anyone in particular. Prince knew Trump, Jr. and Bannon. Prince knew Bannon better and Bannon was a policy guy. Prince does not recall why he arranged the meeting with Trump, Jr. instead of Bannon. Bannon may have been unavailable because, at this time, he was very busy and often traveling with Trump. [REDACTED] did not say that he wanted to pitch Trump, Jr. for money, only that [REDACTED] wanted to discuss Iranian issues, such as the Obama administration's nuclear deal with Iran and payment of cash to Iran.

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[REDACTED] arrived for the meeting with George Nader. Prince had not expected Nader to be with [REDACTED] Prince had worked with Nader in Iraq around 2006. In 2006, Nader was a courtesan for the Vice-President of

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Iraq. Prince, [REDACTED] and Nader met with Trump, Jr. in Trump Jr.'s office. Prince introduced [REDACTED] to Trump, Jr. as an Iran policy person. Prince introduced Nader as a person with knowledge of the Middle East. Prince also told Trump, Jr. that Prince had known Nader in Iraq ten years earlier. [REDACTED] took the lead on explaining why the nuclear agreement with Iran was wrong. [REDACTED] gave a brief synopsis of his communications project but only as a way to bolster his position for a change in Iran policy. Trump, Jr. said that it was interesting information and that he would take it onboard. Trump, Jr. had no time or interest for a granular discussion. During the meeting, [REDACTED] never said anything about using his company to help the Trump Campaign. [REDACTED] did not discuss anything with Prince about the Trump Campaign's social media activities.

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Prince does not recall anyone else attending the meeting. Prince does not recall Stephen Miller attending the meeting. Prince believes that Nader was helping [REDACTED] meet potential investors. Prince does not recall Nader speaking at the meeting with Trump, Jr. Prince does not know if Nader had a separate agenda for attending the meeting. Prince does not recall whether he was with [REDACTED] and Nader throughout the entire time that they were upstairs at Trump Tower.

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Prince does not know [REDACTED] other business interests. Prince has heard of the PSY Group as an Israeli technology and communications company. [REDACTED] had mentioned the PSY Group to Prince, but Prince does not recall the context. Prince does not know if [REDACTED] was associated with the PSY Group.

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In July or August 2016, Prince had breakfast with Bannon. Bannon understood the union mentality of Trump's supporters. Bannon had been in contact with them through his radio show. Prince and Bannon discussed policy at the breakfast. Two days later, the Trump Campaign hired Bannon.

Prince sold Blackwater in 2010. Prince's main policy desire was to have a president that would be open to private contractors conducting stability operations. Prince helped the UAE successfully combat Somali pirates. Prince has focused on "peripheral" areas where the Department of Defense does not have a significant presence, such as Yemen, Somalia and Libya. Prince has also focused on Afghanistan. Prince sent Bannon a policy paper "Update on Problem Areas." Prince also sent Bannon his "Case for a Private Option." Prince got the impression that Bannon had more important policy matters on his plate.

Prince met Bannon a couple of times at Trump Tower before the election. Prince set up the meetings by texting Bannon or communicating with [REDACTED]. Prince and Bannon discussed foreign policy and

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trade. Prince does not recall the subject of Russia coming up during any of their discussions.

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[REDACTED] introduced Prince to Roger Stone. [REDACTED] told Prince that Stone was working on a 501(c)(4) Fund. [REDACTED] did not say that Bannon or the Campaign approved of Stone's fund. [REDACTED]

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Stone mentioned WikiLeaks a few times. Prince began one conversation by asking what Stone thought would be released next. Prince does not recall anything that Stone said about WikiLeaks. Stone did not give Prince any inside information on the WikiLeaks release of Democratic National Committee e-mails nor any information on Stone's contacts with Julian Assange. Prince was not aware of Stone's public statements about WikiLeaks or Stone's contacts with Assange.

Barbara Ledeen had a trove of e-mails from the dark web that were purportedly deleted e-mails from Hillary Clinton's server. Ledeen wanted to authenticate the e-mails. Prince provided funding so that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could hire a tech advisor to determine whether the e-mails were

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real. [REDACTED] reported to Prince that the tech advisor had determined the e-mails were not authentic. [REDACTED] returned the unused portion of Prince's money. Prince does not believe that anyone from the Campaign knew of the effort.

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Prince spent election night at Trump Tower watching the voting returns. [REDACTED] cleared Prince into the event. When it appeared that Trump would win, Prince and other people walked over to the Hilton to hear Trump's speech.

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Prince met Bannon in Trump Tower a few days after the election. Prince advocated for people to fill key National Security positions. Prince wanted people that would support his private approach and support disentangling America from foreign conflicts. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Prince returned a few weeks later and met again with Bannon. Prince again discussed personnel decisions. Trump did not select any of the individuals that Prince recommended. Prince never sought a position for himself. On one occasion, Prince rode the train back from New York to Washington, D.C. with KellyAnne Conway. They did not have any substantive conversations during the train ride.

Prince met Flynn in June 2016, before the Republican convention, for breakfast in Alexandria. [REDACTED] introduced the two men. Prince and Flynn discussed foreign policy. Flynn had not yet become active in Trump's campaign. Prince does not recall any other substantive interactions with Flynn until after the election. Post-election, Flynn and Prince had a quick meeting at Trump Tower regarding which people should fill National Security positions. Another time, Prince and Flynn met at an Irish Pub and talked about how to put out fires in peripheral areas. Prince never talked about the role of Russia with Flynn.

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Prince met Trump three times. The first time was the introduction by Trump, Jr. in Trump Tower. The second time, Prince met Trump during a campaign event in Las Vegas before the last debate. The third time, Prince met Trump at a [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Prince never spoke for more than a minute to Trump. The substance was always Prince expressing his support and encouragement.

Prince has Trump's phone numbers in his cell phone. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] briefly introduced Prince to Jared Kushner while they were in Trump Tower. Prince and Kushner did not have any substantive conversations.

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Prince discussed National Security appointments with Dave Bossie. Prince and Bossie also discussed Robert Levinson, a former FBI Agent, that disappeared in Iran.

Prince briefly met K.T. McFarland. Prince said hello to McFarland while she was in an office talking with Judge Jeanine Pirro.

The earliest text messages in Prince's cell phone are from March 2017. Prince used his cell phone prior to March 2017. Prince does not know why the text messages do not go back farther than March 2017. Other than housekeeping, such as deleting spam messages, Prince has not deleted any text messages from his cell phone. [REDACTED]

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Prince did not know in advance about the December 15, 2016 meeting in New York between Trump representatives and UAE officials. During the meeting or shortly after it, Prince met Nader in the coffee shop of the Four Seasons Hotel where the meeting was taking place. Nader said that Kushner, Flynn and Bannon were at the meeting with Mohammed Bin Zayed (MBZ) and other UAE officials. Nader said that they discussed Middle East issues including Iran, Syria, Iraq, the Muslim Brotherhood and terrorism generally. Prince does not know who set up the meeting.

Prince reviewed a series of text messages that he and Nader exchanged on December 15, 2016 (Document 2). In the first message, Nader asked Prince when they could meet at the Pierre Hotel where Nader was staying. Prince responded that he had been asked to come straight to Trump Tower upon arriving in New York. [REDACTED] had probably told Prince that Bannon had a window to see him. Prince ended up meeting Nader in the lobby of the Four Seasons Hotel. Prince agreed to give Nader a policy paper on the Muslim Brotherhood to pass on to MBZ. Prince probably went somewhere to print the paper, then returned and left it at the front desk for Nader. After their meeting in the lobby, Nader messaged Prince that Nader "told Steven that we just met and he was delighted." Nader always stated things in the superlative. Prince had told Nader that Prince had met with Bannon. In another message on December 15, Nader writes that he cannot wait to "[f]ollow upon our excited mission." Prince assumes that the mission is getting the UAE and Saudi Arabia (KSA) to financially support Prince's solution to end the fighting in Yemen. Prince's solution

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involved a smaller, more-focused, and perhaps private, armed force. Prince was confident that the UAE or KSA would go forward with this solution if Prince could get permission from the U.S. Government. Prince met with Bannon on December 16, 2016. Bannon said that Prince was right about MBZ being a great guy. Prince had told Bannon about a 2010 conference on freedom and Islam that Prince hosted in the UAE and that MBZ had attended.

After Trump won the election, Nader wanted access to as many people as possible. One time, Nader and Prince were waiting outside of Bannon's office. Prince does not believe they came to Trump Tower together. Prince does not recall any meetings that he attended with both Bannon and Nader. Trump, Jr. walked by and Nader attempted to talk with him. Trump, Jr. told Nader not to contact him anymore because he no longer handled policy matters. Trump, Jr. separately told Prince that he wanted Nader to stop texting him all the time. Nader received inauguration tickets from somebody at the stratum of Kushner. After inauguration, in May or June 2017, Prince ran into Nader in the White House. Nader did not say who he was meeting in the White House.

Prince reviewed messages between himself and Nader (Document 3). On December 20, 2016, Nader messaged Prince about Nader visiting the "neighboring country." Prince interpreted the "neighboring country" as Saudi Arabia and that Nader would be meeting with Mohammed bin Salman (MBS). Prince interpreted Nader's reference to going "big real hunting," as Prince's solution to end fighting in Yemen. Prince had discussed his ideas for ending fighting in Yemen with Nader but provided no detailed operations plan. Prince and Nader did not discuss the Trump administration and UAE working together. Prince does not know why Nader sent Prince an image of Nader and Putin together, other than the fact that Nader always likes to show off his connections.

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[REDACTED] Prior to this interview, Prince reviewed records showing that he travelled to New York on January 3, 2017. Prince does not recall the travel. The trip was probably to see Bannon. Prince does not recall checking whether Bannon or Trump, Jr. would be available before he travelled to New York. Prince reviewed messages exchanged between him and Nader from December 31, 2016 to January 4, 2017 (Document 4). Based on the messages, Prince believes that he planned to meet Nader in New York on January 3. Nader was pushing for a meeting with anyone from the Trump team. Prince does not know why Nader wanted to meet with someone from the Trump team. Prince does not recall setting up any meetings for Nader with the Trump team.

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Prince reviewed a message that he sent at approximately 1:36 p.m., on January 3, wherein he wrote that he would be at the Pierre Hotel restaurant in 10 minutes to meet Nader (Document 4). Prince does not recall meeting Nader. Prince and Nader probably planned to meet so that Nader could download the information from Nader's meetings with MBZ and MBS. Prince reviewed a set of messages arranging a later meeting at the Pierre Hotel restaurant, the messages ended with Prince writing "[a]m in the restaurant" at 7:32 p.m (Document 4). Prince does not recall the second meeting with Nader either. It was probably a continuation of the same issues as the first meeting.

Agents showed Prince images of the Pierre Hotel and its restaurant. After viewing the images, Prince recalled meeting Nader in the restaurant (Document 5). Prince does not recall what they discussed. They may have discussed Prince's upcoming meeting with MBZ. Prince does not recall them discussing Russia, Dmitriev or contacts with the Trump administration.

Prince does not recall going to Trump Tower on January 3. Prince may have been trying to meet Bannon. Prince had spoken with former U.S. intelligence people about his plan and may have wanted to update Bannon. Prince often sat in the Starbucks in the Trump Tower lobby hoping that Bannon would have an opening to see him.

Prince does not know why Nader sent Prince information on Kirill Dmitriev - a link to a Wikipedia page, "Quotes KD_DT.pdf," and "Kirill DMITRIEV.pdf" - on January 3 and January 4 (Document 4). Nader may have sent the information because it came up during their dinner. Prince would be surprised if Nader sent the information without any discussion. The first time that Prince heard of Dmitriev was at Prince's meeting with MBZ in the Seychelles. At the end of that meeting, MBZ or one of his brothers said that there was a Russian guy that the UAE had done business with and that Prince should meet him.

Prince does not recall opening the attachments sent by Nader on January 4, which contained the information on Dmitriev (Document 4). Prince does not recall calling [REDACTED] shortly after the attachments were opened. Prince would have called [REDACTED] to see if Bannon had time to meet with Prince. Prince probably did not meet Bannon on January 3 because Prince would not have come back on January 4 if he had met with Bannon the day before. There were other times when Prince went to Trump Tower trying to meet with Bannon and never got in to see him. Prince does not recall whether he met with Bannon on January 4. Prince does not recall telling Bannon or anyone else with the Trump Transition team about Dmitriev before the meeting in the Seychelles.

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Prince was like a kid at Christmas about his meeting with MBZ, he could only focus on the presents under the tree. Prince had previously conducted significant business with the UAE and he hoped to gain business for the future. Prince does not recall when he first learned that his meeting with MBZ would be in the Seychelles rather than the Middle East. Prince does not recall communicating to Bannon or anyone else that Prince would be meeting with MBZ. [REDACTED]

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When Prince landed in the Seychelles, one of MBZ's men walked Prince through customs and drove him to the Four Seasons Hotel. MBZ owns the resort so Prince did not have to pay for his room. Prince met separately with Nader before meeting with MBZ. Nader warned Prince about the atmospherics of MBZ's court and the rent-seeking behavior of its members. Prince and Nader took a golf cart to MBZ's villa. Prince talked with MBZ about problems in peripheral countries where the UAE had troops, like Somalia, Libya and Yemen. MBZ was exasperated by the Obama administration. In Prince's mind, Prince was not there on behalf of the upcoming Trump administration. Prince did not play up his relationship with Bannon or anyone else close to Trump. MBZ asked though whether Prince thought that the Trump administration would support the ideas that they were discussing. In response, Prince cited Trump's campaign promises and what Prince had heard from Trump's Strategic Policy Advisor, Bannon, on the issues. Prince spent about an hour and a half with MBZ. MBZ offered Prince a ride back to Abu Dhabi on MBZ's airplane. At the end of the meeting, one of MBZ's people said that there was a Russian guy at the resort, that the UAE had put money into his funds, and that he would be a useful guy for Prince to meet.

After the MBZ meeting, Prince went back to his room and napped. Prince then went to dinner, he believes Nader ate dinner with him. After dinner, Prince and Nader walked over to the bar and met Dmitriev. Dmitriev's wife was with him but soon walked away. Dmitriev spent the first six or seven minutes discussing his hope that their countries could work better together. Prince responded that if Roosevelt could work with Stalin to defeat the Nazis then Trump and Putin could work together to fight terrorism. Dmitriev also talked about the two countries resuming normal trade relations, but Prince does not recall Dmitriev specifically mentioning sanctions. Dmitriev knew Prince had been a loud advocate for Trump but Prince does not recall Dmitriev speaking as if Prince was a contact to the Trump people. Dmitriev did not say when he had been asked to meet with Prince or who asked him to meet with Prince. Prince understood that Dmitriev was in the Seychelles to meet MBZ. Prince and Dmitriev spent most of their time discussing oil prices. Prince owns a

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geoscience business that searches for oil. Prince explained to Dmitriev how the Saudis failed to put the U.S. fracking companies out of business by increasing production to keep prices low because the companies continued to operate under U.S. bankruptcy laws. Dmitriev insinuated to Prince that he wanted Prince to pass along the message of better relations to people in the U.S. Dmitriev emphasized wanting to get past the past. Prince does not recall any discussion of potential Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential election. Prince had a beer during their conversation.

Prince went back to his room after the meeting with Dmitriev. Prince got a message from a Libyan friend that the Russian aircraft carrier Kuznetsov had been toured by Khalifa Haftar of Libya. Prince contacted Nader and asked to meet with Dmitriev again. Prince initially told investigators that the second meeting also occurred in the bar. After Agents showed Prince images of Villa [REDACTED] at the Four Seasons Seychelles (Document 6), Prince stated that his second meeting with Dmitriev was in Nader's villa. Prince pointed out to Dmitriev that Dmitriev had talked about wanting to work together but that Prince personally thought that the Kuznetsov incident would be offensive to the Trump administration. Dmitriev answered that he did not know about the incident and that the Russian armed forces sometimes got ahead of themselves.

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Prince told Nader that he would let Bannon know that Prince had talked with Dmitriev. Prince would pass along to Bannon that someone in the Russian power structure was interested in better relations.

Prior to meeting Dmitriev, Prince read Dmitriev's biography that Nader had previously sent him. Prince cannot recall how he knew to look in his cell phone for Dmitriev's information. Prince posits that Nader must have told him that Dmitriev is the person about which I previously sent you information. Even given the fact that Nader had sent the information earlier, Prince is not sure whether the meeting between him and Dmitriev was pre-arranged. Having read the biography and knowing that Dmitriev managed Russia's sovereign wealth fund, Prince knew before the meeting that Dmitriev had strong political connections in Russia.

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On the plane back to Abu Dhabi, Prince spoke alone with MBZ for about an hour. They mostly talked about planes and Prince's idea for using a modified crop duster as a counterinsurgency plane. MBZ is a

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gearhead. Prince does not recall discussing Dmitriev with MBZ. Prince landed in Abu Dhabi and went to China the next day. Prince spent three or four days in China before flying back to the U.S. on January 15.

The next day, on January 16, Prince met with Bannon at the Breitbart house. [REDACTED] Prince also told Bannon about his meetings with MBZ and Dmitriev. Prince said that MBZ was interested in his solution to the fighting in Yemen and other areas. Prince described Dmitriev as a Western educated, sovereign wealth fund manager. Prince told Bannon that Dmitriev wanted an improved and more cooperative relationship with the U.S. On the morning of January 16, before visiting Bannon, Prince captured a screenshot of Dmitriev's Wikipedia page on his cell phone (Document 8). Prince believes that he captured the image so that he could remember Dmitriev's name when he met with Bannon. Prince cannot recall whether he showed Bannon the screenshot. Likewise, Prince cannot recall whether he told Bannon that the meeting was in the Seychelles.

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Prince reviewed a January 17, 2017, message from Nader asking if Prince had time to meet with [REDACTED] (Document 9) Prince replied yes. Prince does not know who [REDACTED] is. Nader then messaged "[w]hat about Kirill?" (Document 9) Prince does not think he responded to this message. Prince does not recall communicating with Nader about Dmitriev after they left the Seychelles. Prince does not recall sending a message to Nader stating Prince had been contacted by the Senate Intel Committee "all thanks to the Russian guy you wanted me to meet." Nader would not take any action unless it was approved by MBZ. Prince does not know why he would have wrote "you" wanted me to meet when it was one of MBZ's other people that suggested the meeting unless it was because Nader walked Prince into the meetings with MBZ and Dmitriev. Prior to the Washington Post article in April 2017, only Bannon, Nader, Dmitriev and the UAE officials knew that Prince had met with Dmitriev. Prince may have told Flynn but he does not believe that he told Flynn.

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On the day of his testimony before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), Prince believed that he was only going to speak with Devin Nunes about illegal unmasking of Americans and the wrongful use of SIGINT. Prince agreed to the release of his HPSCI testimony because, after speaking with [REDACTED] Prince did not believe that he had a choice.

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[REDACTED] MBZ would have arranged the meeting for strategic reasons such as chipping away at the relationship between Russia and Iran.

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Report On The Investigation Into Russian Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election

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Aven **Grand Jury** told Putin he would take steps to protect himself and the Alfa-Bank shareholders from potential sanctions, and one of those steps would be to try to reach out to the incoming Administration to establish a line of communication.⁹⁸⁶ Aven described Putin responding with skepticism about Aven's prospect for success.⁹⁸⁷ According to Aven, although Putin did not expressly direct him to reach out to the Trump Transition Team, Aven understood that Putin expected him to try to respond to the concerns he had raised.⁹⁸⁸ Aven's efforts are described in Volume I, Section IV.B.5, *infra*.

2. Kirill Dmitriev's Transition-Era Outreach to the Incoming Administration

Aven's description of his interactions with Putin is consistent with the behavior of Kirill Dmitriev, a Russian national who heads Russia's sovereign wealth fund and is closely connected to Putin. Dmitriev undertook efforts to meet members of the incoming Trump Administration in the months after the election. Dmitriev asked a close business associate who worked for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) royal court, George Nader, to introduce him to Trump transition officials, and Nader eventually arranged a meeting in the Seychelles between Dmitriev and Erik Prince, a Trump Campaign supporter and an associate of Steve Bannon.⁹⁸⁹ In addition, the UAE national security advisor introduced Dmitriev to a hedge fund manager and friend of Jared Kushner, Rick Gerson, in late November 2016. In December 2016 and January 2017, Dmitriev and Gerson worked on a proposal for reconciliation between the United States and Russia, which Dmitriev implied he cleared through Putin. Gerson provided that proposal to Kushner before the inauguration, and Kushner later gave copies to Bannon and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

a. *Background*

Dmitriev is a Russian national who was appointed CEO of Russia's sovereign wealth fund, the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF), when it was founded in 2011.⁹⁹⁰ Dmitriev reported directly to Putin and frequently referred to Putin as his "boss."⁹⁹¹

RDIF has co-invested in various projects with UAE sovereign wealth funds.⁹⁹² Dmitriev regularly interacted with Nader, a senior advisor to UAE Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed

⁹⁸⁶ **Grand Jury**

⁹⁸⁷ **Grand Jury** Aven 8/2/18 302, at 6.

⁹⁸⁸ Aven 8/2/18 302, at 4-8; **Grand Jury**

⁹⁸⁹ Nader provided information to the Office in multiple interviews, all but one of which were conducted under a proffer agreement. **Grand Jury**. The investigators also interviewed Prince under a proffer agreement. Bannon was interviewed by the Office, **Grand Jury** under a proffer agreement.

⁹⁹⁰ Kirill Dmitriev Biography, Russian Direct Investment Fund, *available at* https://rdif.ru/Eng_person_dmitriev_kirill/. *See also* Overview, Russian Direct Investment Fund, *available at* https://rdif.ru/Eng_About/.

⁹⁹¹ Gerson 6/15/18 302, at 1. *See also, e.g.*, 12/14/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Gerson; 1/9/17 Text Message, Dmitriev to Gerson.

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(Crown Prince Mohammed), in connection with RDIF's dealings with the UAE.⁹⁹³ Putin wanted Dmitriev to be in charge of both the financial and the political relationship between Russia and the Gulf states, in part because Dmitriev had been educated in the West and spoke English fluently.⁹⁹⁴ Nader considered Dmitriev to be Putin's interlocutor in the Gulf region, and would relay Dmitriev's views directly to Crown Prince Mohammed.⁹⁹⁵

Nader developed contacts with both U.S. presidential campaigns during the 2016 election, and kept Dmitriev abreast of his efforts to do so.⁹⁹⁶ According to Nader, Dmitriev said that his and the government of Russia's preference was for candidate Trump to win, and asked Nader to assist him in meeting members of the Trump Campaign.⁹⁹⁷ **Grand Jury**

Grand Jury⁹⁹⁸ Nader did not introduce Dmitriev to anyone associated with the Trump Campaign before the election.⁹⁹⁹

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Erik Prince is a businessman who had relationships with various individuals associated with the Trump Campaign, including Steve Bannon, Donald Trump Jr., and Roger Stone.¹⁰⁰⁵ Prince did not have a formal role in the Campaign, although he offered to host a fundraiser for

⁹⁹³ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 1-2; Nader 1/23/18 302, at 2-3; 5/3/16 Email, Nader to Phares; **Grand Jury**

⁹⁹⁴ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 1-2.

⁹⁹⁵ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 3.

⁹⁹⁶ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 3; **Grand Jury**

⁹⁹⁷ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 3; **Grand Jury**

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⁹⁹⁹ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 3.

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¹⁰⁰⁵ Prince 4/4/18 302, at 1-5; Bannon 2/14/18 302, at 21.

Trump and sent unsolicited policy papers on issues such as foreign policy, trade, and Russian election interference to Bannon.¹⁰⁰⁶

After the election, Prince frequently visited transition offices at Trump Tower, primarily to meet with Bannon but on occasion to meet Michael Flynn and others.¹⁰⁰⁷ Prince and Bannon would discuss, *inter alia*, foreign policy issues and Prince's recommendations regarding who should be appointed to fill key national security positions.¹⁰⁰⁸ Although Prince was not formally affiliated with the transition, Nader **Grand Jury** received assurances **Grand Jury** that the incoming Administration considered Prince a trusted associate.¹⁰⁰⁹

b. Kirill Dmitriev's Post-Election Contacts With the Incoming Administration

Soon after midnight on election night, Dmitriev messaged **Investigative Technique** **Investigative Technique** who was traveling to New York to attend the 2016 World Chess Championship. **Investigative Technique** Dmitry Peskov, the Russian Federation's press secretary, who was also attending the World Chess Championship.¹⁰¹⁰ **Investigative Technique**¹⁰¹¹ **Investigative Technique**¹⁰¹² **Investigative Technique**¹⁰¹³

At approximately 2:40 a.m. on November 9, 2016, news reports stated that candidate Clinton had called President-Elect Trump to concede. At **Investigative Technique** **Investigative Technique**¹⁰¹⁴ **Investigative Technique**¹⁰¹⁵ wrote to Dmitriev, "Putin has won."

¹⁰⁰⁶ Prince 4/4/18 302, at 1, 3-4; Prince 5/3/18 302, at 2; Bannon 2/14/18 302, at 19-20; 10/18/16 Email, Prince to Bannon.

¹⁰⁰⁷ Flynn 11/20/17 302, at 6; Flynn 1/11/18 302, at 5; Flynn 1/24/18 302, at 5-6; Flynn 5/1/18 302, at 11; Prince 4/4/18 302, at 5, 8; Bannon 2/14/18 302, at 20-21; 11/12/16 Email, Prince to Corallo.

¹⁰⁰⁸ Prince 4/4/18 302, at 5; Bannon 2/14/18 302, at 21.

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¹⁰¹⁰ **Investigative Technique** Nader 1/22/18 302, at 5-6; **Grand Jury**

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Later that morning, Dmitriev contacted Nader, who was in New York, to request a meeting with the “key people” in the incoming Administration as soon as possible in light of the “[g]reat results.”¹⁰¹⁶ He asked Nader to convey to the incoming Administration that “we want to start rebuilding the relationship in whatever is a comfortable pace for them. We understand all of the sensitivities and are not in a rush.”¹⁰¹⁷ Dmitriev and Nader had previously discussed Nader introducing him to the contacts Nader had made within the Trump Campaign.¹⁰¹⁸ Dmitriev also told Nader that he would ask Putin for permission to travel to the United States, where he would be able to speak to media outlets about the positive impact of Trump’s election and the need for reconciliation between the United States and Russia.¹⁰¹⁹

Later that day, Dmitriev flew to New York, where Peskov was separately traveling to attend the chess tournament.¹⁰²⁰ Dmitriev invited Nader to the opening of the tournament and noted that, if there was “a chance to see anyone key from Trump camp,” he “would love to start building for the future.”¹⁰²¹ Dmitriev also asked Nader to invite Kushner to the event so that he (Dmitriev) could meet him.¹⁰²² Nader did not pass along Dmitriev’s invitation to anyone connected with the incoming Administration.¹⁰²³ Although one World Chess Federation official recalled hearing from an attendee that President-Elect Trump had stopped by the tournament, the investigation did not establish that Trump or any Campaign or Transition Team official attended the event.¹⁰²⁴ And the President’s written answers denied that he had.¹⁰²⁵

Nader stated that Dmitriev continued to press him to set up a meeting with transition officials, and was particularly focused on Kushner and Trump Jr.¹⁰²⁶ Dmitriev told Nader that Putin would be very grateful to Nader and that a meeting would make history.¹⁰²⁷

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¹⁰¹⁶ 11/9/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (9:34 a.m.); Nader 1/22/18 302, at 4.

¹⁰¹⁷ 11/9/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (11:58 p.m.).

¹⁰¹⁸ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 3.

¹⁰¹⁹ 11/9/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (10:06 a.m.); 11/9/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (10:10 a.m.); **Grand Jury**

¹⁰²⁰ 11/9/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (10:08 a.m.); 11/9/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (3:40 p.m.); Nader 1/22/18 302, at 5.

¹⁰²¹ 11/9/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (7:10 p.m.).

¹⁰²² 11/10/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (5:20 a.m.).

¹⁰²³ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 5-6.

¹⁰²⁴ Marinello 5/31/18 302, at 2-3; Nader 1/22/18 302, at 5-6.

¹⁰²⁵ Written Responses of Donald J. Trump (Nov. 20, 2018), at 17-18 (Response to Question V, Part (a)).

¹⁰²⁶ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 6; **Grand Jury**

¹⁰²⁷ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 6; **Grand Jury**

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¹⁰²⁹ According to Nader, Dmitriev was very anxious to connect with the incoming Administration and told Nader that he would try other routes to do so besides Nader himself.¹⁰³⁰ Nader did not ultimately introduce Dmitriev to anyone associated with the incoming Administration during Dmitriev's post-election trip to New York.¹⁰³¹

In early December 2016, Dmitriev again broached the topic of meeting incoming Administration officials with Nader in January or February.¹⁰³² Dmitriev sent Nader a list of publicly available quotes of Dmitriev speaking positively about Donald Trump "in case they [were] helpful."¹⁰³³

c. Erik Prince and Kirill Dmitriev Meet in the Seychelles

i. George Nader and Erik Prince Arrange Seychelles Meeting with Dmitriev

Nader traveled to New York in early January 2017 and had lunchtime and dinner meetings with Erik Prince on January 3, 2017.¹⁰³⁴ Nader and Prince discussed Dmitriev.¹⁰³⁵ Nader informed Prince that the Russians were looking to build a link with the incoming Trump Administration.¹⁰³⁶ **Grand Jury** he told Prince that Dmitriev had been pushing Nader to introduce him to someone from the incoming Administration **Grand Jury**
¹⁰³⁷ Nader suggested, in light of Prince's relationship with Transition Team officials, that Prince and Dmitriev meet to discuss issues of mutual concern.¹⁰³⁸ **Grand Jury** Prince told Nader that he needed to think further about it and to check with Transition Team officials.¹⁰³⁹

After his dinner with Prince, Nader sent Prince a link to a Wikipedia entry about Dmitriev, and sent Dmitriev a message stating that he had just met "with some key people within the family and inner circle"—a reference to Prince—and that he had spoken at length and positively about

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¹⁰³⁰ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 6.

¹⁰³¹ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 5-7.

¹⁰³² 12/8/16 Text Messages, Dmitriev to Nader (12:10:31 a.m.); Nader 1/22/18 302, at 11.

¹⁰³³ 12/8/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (12:10:31 a.m.); 12/8/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader (12:10:57 a.m.).

¹⁰³⁴ Prince 4/4/18 302, at 8.

¹⁰³⁵ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 3; **Grand Jury**

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Dmitriev.¹⁰⁴⁰ Nader told Dmitriev that the people he met had asked for Dmitriev's bio, and Dmitriev replied that he would update and send it.¹⁰⁴¹ Nader later received from Dmitriev two files concerning Dmitriev: one was a two-page biography, and the other was a list of Dmitriev's positive quotes about Donald Trump.¹⁰⁴²

The next morning, Nader forwarded the message and attachments Dmitriev had sent him to Prince.¹⁰⁴³ Nader wrote to Prince that these documents were the versions "to be used with some additional details for them" (with "them" referring to members of the incoming Administration).¹⁰⁴⁴ Prince opened the attachments at Trump Tower within an hour of receiving them.¹⁰⁴⁵ Prince stated that, while he was at Trump Tower that day, he spoke with Kellyanne Conway, Wilbur Ross, Steve Mnuchin, and others while waiting to see Bannon.¹⁰⁴⁶ Cell-site location data for Prince's mobile phone indicates that Prince remained at Trump Tower for approximately three hours.¹⁰⁴⁷ Prince said that he could not recall whether, during those three hours, he met with Bannon and discussed Dmitriev with him.¹⁰⁴⁸ **Grand Jury**

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Prince booked a ticket to the Seychelles on January 7, 2017.¹⁰⁵⁰ The following day, Nader wrote to Dmitriev that he had a "pleasant surprise" for him, namely that he had arranged for Dmitriev to meet "a Special Guest" from "the New Team," referring to Prince.¹⁰⁵¹ Nader asked Dmitriev if he could come to the Seychelles for the meeting on January 12, 2017, and Dmitriev agreed.¹⁰⁵²

The following day, Dmitriev sought assurance from Nader that the Seychelles meeting would be worthwhile.¹⁰⁵³ **Grand Jury** Dmitriev was not enthusiastic about the idea of meeting with Prince, and that Nader assured him that Prince wielded influence with the incoming

¹⁰⁴⁰ 1/4/17 Text Message, Nader to Prince; 1/4/17 Text Messages, Nader to Dmitriev (5:24 a.m. – 5:26 a.m.); Nader 1/22/18 302, at 8-9; **Grand Jury**

¹⁰⁴¹ 1/4/17 Text Messages, Nader & Dmitriev (7:24:27 a.m.).

¹⁰⁴² 1/4/17 Text Messages, Dmitriev to Nader (7:25-7:29 a.m.)

¹⁰⁴³ 1/4/17 Text Messages, Nader to Prince.

¹⁰⁴⁴ 1/4/17 Text Messages, Nader to Prince; **Grand Jury**

¹⁰⁴⁵ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 1-3.

¹⁰⁴⁶ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 2-3.

¹⁰⁴⁷ Cell-site location data for Prince's mobile phone **Investigative Technique**

¹⁰⁴⁸ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 3.

¹⁰⁴⁹ **Grand Jury**

¹⁰⁵⁰ 1/5/17 Email, Kasbo to Prince.

¹⁰⁵¹ 1/8/17 Text Messages, Nader to Dmitriev (6:05 – 6:10 p.m.).

¹⁰⁵² 1/8/17 Text Messages, Nader & Dmitriev (6:10 – 7:27 p.m.).

¹⁰⁵³ 1/9/17 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader.

Administration.¹⁰⁵⁴ Nader wrote to Dmitriev, “This guy [Prince] is designated by Steve [Bannon] to meet you! I know him and he is very very well connected and trusted by the New Team. His sister is now a Minister of Education.”¹⁰⁵⁵ According to Nader, Prince had led him to believe that Bannon was aware of Prince’s upcoming meeting with Dmitriev, and Prince acknowledged that it was fair for Nader to think that Prince would pass information on to the Transition Team.¹⁰⁵⁶ Bannon, however, told the Office that Prince did not tell him in advance about his meeting with Dmitriev.¹⁰⁵⁷

ii. The Seychelles Meetings

Dmitriev arrived with his wife in the Seychelles on January 11, 2017, and checked into the Four Seasons Resort where Crown Prince Mohammed and Nader were staying.¹⁰⁵⁸ Prince arrived that same day.¹⁰⁵⁹ Prince and Dmitriev met for the first time that afternoon in Nader’s villa, with Nader present.¹⁰⁶⁰ The initial meeting lasted approximately 30-45 minutes.¹⁰⁶¹

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¹⁰⁶² Prince described the eight years of the Obama Administration in negative terms, and stated that he was looking forward to a new era of cooperation and conflict resolution.¹⁰⁶³ According to Prince, he told Dmitriev that Bannon was effective if not conventional, and that Prince provided policy papers to Bannon.¹⁰⁶⁴

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¹⁰⁵⁵ 1/9/17 Text Message, Nader to Dmitriev (2:12:56 p.m.); Nader 1/19/18 302, at 13; **Grand Jury**

¹⁰⁵⁶ Nader 1/19/18 302, at 13; **Grand Jury** Prince 5/3/18 302, at 3.

¹⁰⁵⁷ Bannon 2/14/18 302, at 25-26.

¹⁰⁵⁸ 1/10/17 Text Messages, Dmitriev & Nader (2:05:54 – 3:30:25 p.m.); 1/11/17 Text Messages, Dmitriev & Nader (2:16:16 – 5:17:59 p.m.).

¹⁰⁵⁹ 1/7/17 Email, Kasbo to Prince.

¹⁰⁶⁰ 1/11/17 Text Messages, Nader & Dmitriev (5:18:24 – 5:37:14 p.m.); **Grand Jury**

¹⁰⁶¹ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 4; **Grand Jury**

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¹⁰⁶⁴ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 4.

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topic of Russian interference in the 2016 election did not come up. 1069

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Prince added that he would inform Bannon about his meeting with Dmitriev, and that if there was interest in continuing the discussion, Bannon or someone else on the Transition Team would do so. 1071 **Grand Jury** 1072

Afterwards, Prince returned to his room, where he learned that a Russian aircraft carrier had sailed to Libya, which led him to call Nader and ask him to set up another meeting with Dmitriev. 1073 According to Nader, Prince called and said he had checked with his associates back home and needed to convey to Dmitriev that Libya was “off the table.” 1074 Nader wrote to Dmitriev that Prince had “received an urgent message that he needs to convey to you immediately,” and arranged for himself, Dmitriev, and Prince to meet at a restaurant on the Four Seasons property. 1075

At the second meeting, Prince told Dmitriev that the United States could not accept any Russian involvement in Libya because it would make the situation there much worse. 1076 **Grand Jury**

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1069 Prince 5/3/18 302, at 4-5.
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1071 Prince 5/3/18 302, at 4; **Grand Jury**
1072 **Grand Jury**
1073 Prince 4/4/18 302, at 10; Prince 5/3/18 302, at 4; **Grand Jury**
1074 Nader 1/22/18 302, at 14; **Grand Jury**
1075 **Grand Jury** 1/11/17 Text Messages, Dmitriev & Nader (9:13:54 – 10:24:25 p.m.).
1076 **Grand Jury** Prince,
however, denied that and recalled that he was making these remarks to Dmitriev not in an official capacity for the transition but based on his experience as a former naval officer. Prince 5/3/18 302, at 4.

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After the brief second meeting concluded, Nader and Dmitriev discussed what had transpired.¹⁰⁷⁸ Dmitriev told Nader that he was disappointed in his meetings with Prince for two reasons: first, he believed the Russians needed to be communicating with someone who had more authority within the incoming Administration than Prince had.¹⁰⁷⁹ Second, he had hoped to have a discussion of greater substance, such as outlining a strategic roadmap for both countries to follow.¹⁰⁸⁰ Dmitriev told Nader that **Grand Jury** Prince's comments **Grand Jury** **Grand Jury** were insulting **Grand Jury**¹⁰⁸¹

Hours after the second meeting, Prince sent two text messages to Bannon from the Seychelles.¹⁰⁸² As described further below, investigators were unable to obtain the content of these or other messages between Prince and Bannon, and the investigation also did not identify evidence of any further communication between Prince and Dmitriev after their meetings in the Seychelles.

iii. Erik Prince's Meeting with Steve Bannon after the Seychelles Trip

After the Seychelles meetings, Prince told Nader that he would inform Bannon about his discussion with Dmitriev and would convey that someone within the Russian power structure was interested in seeking better relations with the incoming Administration.¹⁰⁸³ On January 12, 2017, Prince contacted Bannon's personal assistant to set up a meeting for the following week.¹⁰⁸⁴ Several days later, Prince messaged her again asking about Bannon's schedule.¹⁰⁸⁵

Prince said that he met Bannon at Bannon's home after returning to the United States in mid-January and briefed him about several topics, including his meeting with Dmitriev.¹⁰⁸⁶ Prince told the Office that he explained to Bannon that Dmitriev was the head of a Russian sovereign wealth fund and was interested in improving relations between the United States and Russia.¹⁰⁸⁷ Prince had on his cellphone a screenshot of Dmitriev's Wikipedia page dated January 16, 2017,

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¹⁰⁷⁸ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 15; **Grand Jury**

¹⁰⁷⁹ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 9, 15; **Grand Jury**

¹⁰⁸⁰ Nader 1/22/18 302, at 15.

¹⁰⁸¹ **Grand Jury** Nader 1/22/18 302, at 15.

¹⁰⁸² Call Records of Erik Prince **Grand Jury**.

¹⁰⁸³ Prince 4/4/18 302, at 10; Prince 5/3/18 302, at 4; **Grand Jury**

¹⁰⁸⁴ 1/12/17 Text Messages, Prince to Preate.

¹⁰⁸⁵ 1/15/17 Text Message, Prince to Preate.

¹⁰⁸⁶ Prince 4/4/18 302, at 11; Prince 5/3/18 302, at 5.

¹⁰⁸⁷ Prince 4/4/18 302, at 11; Prince 5/3/18 302, at 5.

and Prince told the Office that he likely showed that image to Bannon.¹⁰⁸⁸ Prince also believed he provided Bannon with Dmitriev's contact information.¹⁰⁸⁹ According to Prince, Bannon instructed Prince not to follow up with Dmitriev, and Prince had the impression that the issue was not a priority for Bannon.¹⁰⁹⁰ Prince related that Bannon did not appear angry, just relatively uninterested.¹⁰⁹¹

Bannon, by contrast, told the Office that he never discussed with Prince anything regarding Dmitriev, RDIF, or any meetings with Russian individuals or people associated with Putin.¹⁰⁹² Bannon also stated that had Prince mentioned such a meeting, Bannon would have remembered it, and Bannon would have objected to such a meeting having taken place.¹⁰⁹³

The conflicting accounts provided by Bannon and Prince could not be independently clarified by reviewing their communications, because neither one was able to produce any of the messages they exchanged in the time period surrounding the Seychelles meeting. Prince's phone contained no text messages prior to March 2017, though provider records indicate that he and Bannon exchanged dozens of messages.¹⁰⁹⁴ Prince denied deleting any messages but claimed he did not know why there were no messages on his device before March 2017.¹⁰⁹⁵ Bannon's devices similarly contained no messages in the relevant time period, and Bannon also stated he did not know why messages did not appear on his device.¹⁰⁹⁶ Bannon told the Office that, during both the months before and after the Seychelles meeting, he regularly used his personal Blackberry and personal email for work-related communications (including those with Prince), and he took no steps to preserve these work communications.¹⁰⁹⁷

d. Kirill Dmitriev's Post-Election Contact with Rick Gerson Regarding U.S.-Russia Relations

Dmitriev's contacts during the transition period were not limited to those facilitated by Nader. In approximately late November 2016, the UAE national security advisor introduced Dmitriev to Rick Gerson, a friend of Jared Kushner who runs a hedge fund in New York.¹⁰⁹⁸ Gerson stated he had no formal role in the transition and had no involvement in the Trump

¹⁰⁸⁸ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 5; 1/16/17 Image on Prince Phone (on file with the Office).

¹⁰⁸⁹ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 5.

¹⁰⁹⁰ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 5.

¹⁰⁹¹ Prince 5/3/18 302, at 5.

¹⁰⁹² Bannon 10/26/18 302, at 10-11.

¹⁰⁹³ Bannon 10/26/18 302, at 10-11.

¹⁰⁹⁴ Call Records of Erik Prince **Grand Jury**.

¹⁰⁹⁵ Prince 4/4/18 302, at 6.

¹⁰⁹⁶ Bannon 10/26/18 302, at 11; Bannon 2/14/18 302, at 36.

¹⁰⁹⁷ Bannon 10/26/18 302, at 11.

¹⁰⁹⁸ Gerson 6/5/18 302, at 1, 3; 11/26/16 Text Message, Dmitriev to Gerson; 1/25/17 Text Message, Dmitriev to Nader.